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MONTANA PILOTS' ASSOCIATION, INC.

September 29, 1952, is a noteworthy date in Montana's history of aviation but it is particularly significant to all members of the Montana Pilots Association. For on this date, after thirteen consecutive years of an organization, the officers filed Articles of Incorporation with the Secretary of State. This act was a culmination of a summer's work which had its beginning with the adoption of the resolution at the annual convention in April of this year. The final resolution to adopt the Articles was passed by the Board of Directors at Helena on September 27th. More detailed information on this and other actions by the Board will be published in the near future. However one item of business demands immediate attention. This is the Annual Air Tour, and here's the plan as approved by the Board:

1952 MPA AIR TOUR

Date: October 18 and 19, 1952
Destination: Challis, Idaho
Route: Departure from Belgrade, Helena, or Missoula

to

Hirschy Airport, 45 miles north of Jackson, Montana, and remain over night at Diamond Bar Ranch

to

Challis, Idaho, tour terminates

Detail: Tour members will assemble, register (NO FEE), and lunch at one of three starting points: Belgrade, Helena, Missoula—on Saturday, October 18. Each of the three groups shall depart at 1300 and proceed to the Hirschy Strip (detailed airport plans will be available at registration) which is 45 miles north of the Diamond Bar Inn, Jackson, Montana. Members will then be transported to the Diamond Bar Inn and will remain over night. On the morning of October 19, Sunday, the group will fly some 80 miles to Challis, Idaho, to enjoy the famous Challis Breakfast Flight.

Reservations: Each member shall be responsible for his or her own reservation at the Diamond Bar Inn. Rates: $4.00 per person. Write or wire to Diamond Bar Inn, Jackson, Montana. There are 50 choice accommodations, so make your reservations now! All reservations must be in by October 15.

HIRSCHY AIRPORT

This is a private strip on the F. L. Hirschy ranch some fifty miles west of Dillon on the Big Hole river. It is at an elevation of 6,400 and has an unobstructed runway 2,500 feet in length. Gasoline will be available at the field, and the previously mentioned a detailed Airport Facility Sketch will be supplied at the assembly points: Missoula, Helena, Belgrade to each pilot on the Tour.

DIAMOND BAR INN

On this subject much could be said, but we're limited here and can just touch the highlights. The Inn itself is of typical western design, completely modern, comfortable in every way with a large beautiful lobby. They have a beautiful enclosed, underwater lighted, swimming pool which is fed by natural warm water. Members of the Tour are free to enjoy this facility. Sleeping accommodations are in the lodge and in adjoining cabins. Wonderful food is prepared in a modern kitchen and served in a pleasant dining room, there is a luncheonette, and a soda fountain too. And, of course, because pilots don't indulge, participants of the Tour will be happy to know there is a complete and inviting bar room. It is reported that they also have square dances some Saturday evening.

CHALLIS BREAKFAST FLIGHT

We've been cordially invited by our Idaho neighbors to attend this well-known affair. It's their first organized flight each year and nothing is overlooked in putting it on. Deer are procured from the surrounding mountains, expertly barbecued, and served with hot cakes and choke cherry syrup, uuuuuuuuuuuuuuum! And the coffee, there's nothing like it! They don't consider it fit to serve unless it and that a horse shoe taste like the proper Diamond Bar antidote. There will be prizes for just about everything you can imagine. Yes, a "Dilbert Prize" too, but none of us from Montana will want to take that home. The airport is in good condition and very adequate. The air traffic is to follow the conventional rules, and the pattern is at 800 feet; you'll be judged on your pattern too. And when landing there is a special bullseye target. More information will be supplied during the tour.

Sound like fun? You bet it does! There is nothing to match the "fly-cerial" spirit of a good Montana Pilots Association Air Tour.

Remember to practice safety. Our Association flight activities carry an unblemished safety record. Let's keep it that way.

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